GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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ELECTRIFICATION OF SURROUNDING AREAS OF POWER PLANT
RAM SHAKAL

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any policy to electrify the areas around the power plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of those power plants in Uttar Pradesh which are not complying with the policy of the Government in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (d) : Power plants are set up in the Central, State and Private sectors in thecountry. However, the electrification of any area in the State is the responsibility of the concerned State Electricity Board. Although there is no policy to electrify the areas around the power plants as such a part of its resettlement and rehabilitation policy, the infrastructure for street lighting of resettlement colonies for the project affected persons is provided by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and all NTPC projects in Uttar Pradesh have complied with this. Similarly, the Tehri Hydro Development Corporation and the National Hydro-Electric Power Corporation provide electrification of the project-affected areas at the cost of the respective projects.